

Fred Christiansen

Missouri Circa 1905 Age 18

Stayed with Madsen uncles—brothers of Bestamor circa 1890

Got bored and decided to go on to SF to be with Martin—2 years older

Arrived in SF About April 1 and earthquake April 15 1906 on his birthday

After earthquake, went to Stockton islands driving horse & wagon

Went back to SF circa 1907 or 08 and worked building boats

Went to Shaver lake and cut timber. became good friends with cook

Winter went to Fresno and leveled land for irrigation—1-2 years

C 1909-1910 opened with other Danes a delicatessen Market & Haight St.

Factory workers bought noon meal there

C 1934 Lady drove in—O'Connel. You look familiar. Had bought food at delicatessen

Kirsten and Carolina (Lina) worked Evanston IL doing house work for wealthy family Kirsten did housework and Lina cooked.

~1910 Lina wanted to be adventurous and wanted to see her bothers in SF and invited Kirsten to go along decided to go.

Lina took food for whole trip but Kirsten wanted to buy and eat at every stop

Came to SF and Lina worked for Fred making salads and sandwiches

Kirsten worked doing housework for a man who ran a brewery

She announced that she would serve no liquor—OK from boss

She made beautiful popovers

Lina did not like working for Fred

Fred was courting Kirsten and Kirsten took Lina's work

Married January 15, 1912 in Lutheran church. Minister had them for supper that night.

Each had a trunk and all their belongings and about \$300.

Put it all together and moved to Turlock.

Fred took wagon and two trunks and came to Grayson and looked for a place to sleep and asked for a place on the haystack—yes

Built a shack on Bradbury with another Dane—that is where they stayed

Kirsten came by train in winter soon after marriage

Fred met her and Kirsten thought, "Where have I come? What have I done?"

Fred wanted to do everything fast

Fred bought some cattle—1 or 2

Carl was born there Oct 18, 1912. Delivered by Dr. Julien. Paid by meat.

Arne may have been born there.

Kirsten herded the cattle with Carl in a box with her

Kirsten was discouraged but had a good neighbor.

Fred built bridges over canals

After ~ 3 years, left the land without pay and went back to SF

Kirsten cleaned sidewalk and got free rent

3-4 months—no more money left to eat

Went back to Turlock and their place on Bradbury

Fred walked Sunday pm to Empire and worked all week and walked home Friday night for \$1.00

Fred traded Bradbury property for another place and then traded for another one.

Jamie, Hulda born on Christopherson Lane

Moved west Main off Crows Landing—Neighbor was Simpson who built bridges

(Simpson advertised for a wife from the east. Hulda went there one day and Richard Simpson threw a rock at the door to announce his coming)

Bought place on Carpenter & Grayson. 1919

Carl, 6-7 yrs old, drove cattle from West Main to Carpenter & Grayson

Simpson moved to be neighbors on Carpenter.

Lived there since 1919

May & Eileen in Missouri were daughters of Martha and Bud Daugherty. Had one brother that drowned at early age
Martha was sister of Bestamor

Lena Borchard of Orange was daughter of Aunt Jetta who married one of Bestamor's brothers.